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**REQUEST FOR RE-MAILING OF AN OFFICE ACTION
AND RESTARTING THE RESPONSE PERIOD**

Honorable Commissioner of Patents and Trademarks
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Sir:

Applicants respectfully request re-mailing of the Office Action mailed January 29, 2003, and restarting the response period for that Office Action. Applicants' representatives had a status check for a first Office Action docketed for April 23, 2003. This status check is typically performed a week or two prior to the docket due date. On April 14, 2003, Applicants' representatives accessed status information via the Patent Application Information Retrieval (PAIR) web page, a copy of which is attached. Upon noticing that an Office Action had been mailed by the Patent Office, the undersigned proceeded to contact Examiner Nguyen on April 16, 2003. Based upon subsequent conversations with the Examiner and with his supervisor Paul Ep, the Patent Office indicated that Applicants' should submit a paper requesting re-mailing of the Office Action and restarting of the response period.

It is believed that the above provides sufficient information for the Patent Office to re-mail the Office Action and restart the response period. However, if there are any questions regarding this paper, or the application in general, the Patent Office is encouraged to contact the undersigned at (703) 838-6578.

Respectfully submitted,

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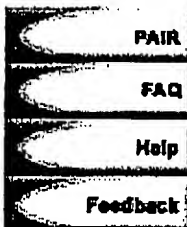
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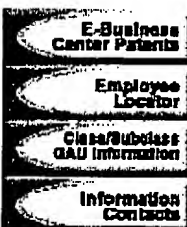
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